

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

TRINITY CHURCH IN NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY

Seeking to serve God by reflecting the Light of Christ that shines within us to each other and the greater community.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RINGING OF BELL

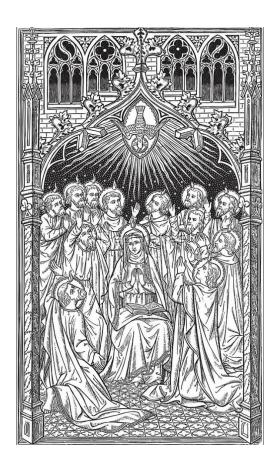
Regina Coeli

PROCESSION AND LITURGY OF THE WORD

All Stand

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace, alleluia!

People: In the name of Christ, alleluia!





The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH (Hymnal S202)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All Sit

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37 Benedic, anima mea

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; * may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *

 Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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People: Thanks be to God.

All Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

Holy Spirit, Font of light

Hymnal 228

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John **People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

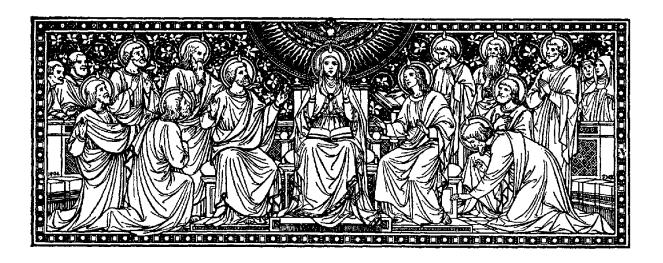
"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

PRESENTATION

Cynthia Moriczde Tesco, Program Director of North Porch Women & Infants' Centers



RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Dear people of God: Our Lord Jesus Christ sealed the Paschal mystery

of his death and Resurrection in his Ascension and the gift of his Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The same Spirit continues to give birth to God's people by the waters of Baptism. I call upon you, therefore, to

renew your own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment

to Jesus Christ?

People We do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

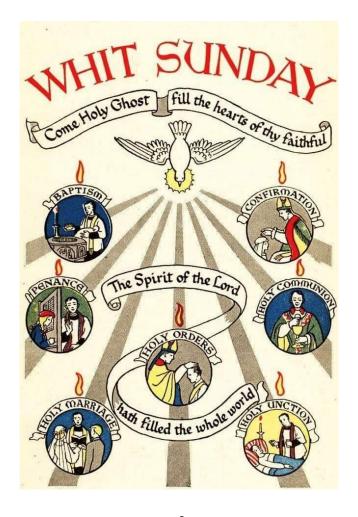
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

ASPERGES The people are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of their baptisms



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your name may be glorified by all people**.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; for Carlye, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray Joseph our President, Philip our Governor, for Congress, the Legislature, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight**.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Lorraine, Laura, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Blaise, Jana, Sherry, Margie, Chris, Russ, Ed, Carol, Claudia, Jackie, Greg, Nancy, Bob, Elena, Debby, Al, Michael, Charles, and Elie;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all service members, including Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, Quintin and Matt, and canines that are serving in this country's armed services.

We lift up in thanksgiving Tim Fink who celebrates his birthday today.

Give to the departed eternal rest Ξ ; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant concludes:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN Spirit divine, attend our prayers Hymnal 509

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer D



The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name as we sing,

Celebrant and People sing together (Hymnal S130):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel as the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

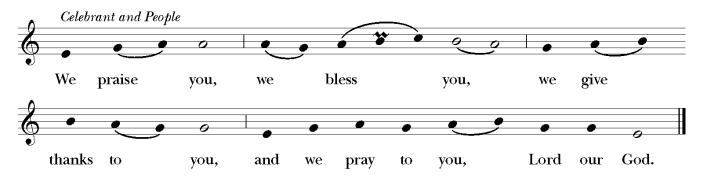
Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose again for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, Eat: This is MY Body, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is MY Blood of the NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share in this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People & Celebrant: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then is said,



AGNUS DEI (Hymnal S164):

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you; and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is not our practice at this time: all are invited to either share in drinking from the Cup or to reverence the Precious Blood by bowing their heads.
- ⋈ If you do not wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament, you are welcome and invited to participate, regardless of denomination or religion, to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest in order to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing from the priest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All Stand

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People:

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING OF PENTECOST

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia! **People:**



CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

Coming Up:

Sunday, May 26th: TRINITY SUNDAY—Parish Feast of Title and Parish Picnic Sunday, June 2nd: The Feast of Corpus Christi & Procession

Announcements

Compassionate Outreach

St. Paul's Men's Shelter-The 2024 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important part of our outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered this year. We still need volunteers for June, July, August, September and November. You can call the church and leave a message for more information, or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

CFA – We are still collecting baby items through May. For June, the theme is – "Breakfast" – cereal, juice boxes, breakfast bars, peanut butter, graham crackers, canned fruit. As always, all items are graciously accepted

Joyful Fellowship

Coffee Hour – Starting with the June Sign Up List, we will start doing Lemonade & Cookies in the Narthex or outside the Church doors during the warm, weather months! Anyone needing guidance, let Janet know.

ON MAY 26TH TRINITY SUNDAY - 'PARISH FEAST OF TITLE' We will be having a Parish Brunch to celebrate! Asking everyone to bring a Brunch item - for example:

Egg dish Muffins Fruit Cheese & crackers Bagels Coffee cake, etc.

Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. Hope everyone will join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate after the service!